

In the Drawings:

Fig. 3 has been amended to show apparatus 300. Fig. 3 "Replacement Sheet" is included herewith.

Fig. 4 has been amended to show apparatus 400. Fig. 4 "Replacement Sheet" is included herewith.

Remarks

I. Objection of Claim 1

The Examiner states that claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: it is unclear how a protrusion is created on the magnetic disk when the disk is under test.

As discussed in the teleconference with the Examiner, Applicant points the Examiner to page 10, lines 2-7 which describe how a protrusion can be created during the testing procedure.

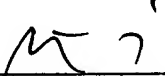
Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in proper form and condition for patentability, and request a notification of allowance to that effect. The Examiner is hereby respectfully invited to contact the undersigned agent with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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